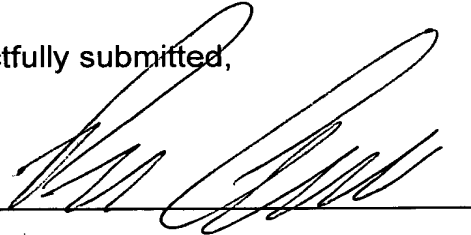


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment to claim 3 (and new claim 13) be entered prior to examination in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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